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Confession Was A Phoney

London, Feb. 26.
The Government today rejected a prisoner's purported confession to the murder of Olive Burchin in Manchester and announced that Walter Rowland, already convicted of the crime, would hang tomorrow.

An inquiry heard said David John Ware, now in Liverpool Prison, claimed to have committed the blitz-slaying last November for "exhibitionist reasons".

The inquiry heard released Ware's reputation of his former claim, in which he said, "I thought I was putting myself in the position of a hero. I wanted to see myself in the headlines."

"In the past I wanted to be hanged. It was worthwhile being hanged to be a hero in a life that was not really worth living,"—United Press.

Public Enquiry
Last minute efforts are still being made by his counsel. The execution is fixed for 9 a.m. tomorrow in Strangeways Jail, Manchester, his counsel has sent telegrams to five Members of Parliament urging a public enquiry.

Mr. J. C. Jolly, K.C., who conducted the enquiry into the confession of murder made in prison by David John Ware in Liverpool, said in his report published today he was satisfied "there are no grounds for thinking there has been any miscarriage of justice."

In the conviction of Rowland for the murder.

Mr. Jolly said Ware spent three weeks in a mental hospital in 1941 with a diagnosis of "manic depressive psychosis."

The report quoted the text of Ware's statement to the police during his earlier "confession" and saying: "I wanted Rowland to be either sentenced to death or to make my confession just before he was hanged so as to make it spectacular in the way I snatched him from the gallows."—Reuter.

SERIOUSLY ILL ON HONEYMOON

London, Feb. 26.
Captain Christopher Soames, who married Miss Muriel Churchill, daughter of Mr. Winston Churchill, and is on honeymoon in Switzerland, is seriously ill. Mr. Churchill's secretary stated today. Mrs. Churchill left London today for Switzerland to be with her daughter.—Reuter.

Bigamist Back With Illegal Wife

Faversham, Feb. 26.
The 22-year-old ex-sailor who amputated his left arm beneath the wheels of a freight train to prove his "fidelity" to the girl he married bigamously, was back with his illegal wife today with the judge's consent.

The Judge at Kent Assizes released one-armed William Horsfield on two years' probation to return to wife No. 2 and their baby, pending divorce action by wife No. 1.

Said the Judge: "I am not going to do anything to increase your handicap. You have inflicted upon yourself a most appalling penalty."

Horsfield married 19-year-old Betty Wildish on the mistaken advice of shipmates in the Navy that his first marriage was voided when his wife bore a child by another man.

The police caught up with Horsfield last November and questioned him about his two marriages. Fearing he might lose his second wife, and to prove his love for her, Horsfield went to a railway line near his home, stretched out close to it and "let" the 6.40 a.m. train run over his arm.

In A Frenzy
"I was in a frenzy when I did it, and afterwards was so ill in hospital I nearly died," he said. "But it was worth it. Betty has forgiven me and promised to marry me properly as soon as my wife divorces me."

He said he had known Mrs. Horsfield was a bigamist, but he was not aware of it until the divorce action was started.

SHANGHAI FACES CRISIS

Dissatisfaction Of Labour Unions Serious Unrest Predictions

Shanghai, Feb. 27.
Shanghai faces one of the gravest crises in decades within the next few days as millions of white-collar and manual labourers restlessly await the City Government ruling on the amount of compensation they will get as a result of Nanking's insistence they be paid for February according to the frozen Jan. 31 cost of living index.

During the month commodity prices spiralled an average 50 to 60 per cent, and even well over 100 per cent in some categories, while prospects of the promised rationing of essentials appeared remote.

Shanghai's mayor, Dr. K. C. Wu, who returned from a hurried conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, said an additional compensation will be given in Shanghai to cover the difference between the average January prices and the average February prices of six basic commodities—rice, coal, bricks, oil, cotton cloth, salt and sugar. The City Government is working out details of a plan which is scheduled to be announced shortly.

Meanwhile the City Government requested employers to pay February wages on the basis of the January index with the promise of additional compensation when the scale has been fixed by the City Government.

That the compensation, to be based on the difference between the January and February prices of six commodities, will be far below the real February cost of living figured on the same basis as the January index is a "foregone conclusion."

Unrest Prediction
City Government sources admit past indices were compiled according to price fluctuations in 49 commodities, all of which have soared far above the January level.

The question now is: "Will labour take the blow lying down?" Those who have contact with labour organisations doubted it would, and predicted serious unrest which, unless handled tactfully, might flare up into major disturbances despite the Government ban on strike or slowdowns.

Kuomintang sources frankly voiced concern over prospects of losing the solid grip on labour unions bought by

TANKER AFIRE

New York, Feb. 26.
Radio signals picked up by the U.S. Coastguard Service tonight reported that the United States oil tanker "Royal Oak" (10,200 tons) was sinking in flames in the Pacific, 50 kilometres off the coast of Peru, after the crew of 40 had abandoned ship.

The Grace-Land steamer "Tosco" (8,213 tons), 80 kilometres away at the time, was speeding at full steam to the rescue.

An far as was known, none of the crew had been lost.—Reuter.

Smuggling Of Drugs From H.K.

Kobe, Feb. 27.
Alert army criminal investigation division agents smashed a Japan-Hong Kong black market ring dealing in modern drugs and arrested 53 Chinese crewmen on a British ship for alleged implication in a projected sugar black market venture.

Lieut. Col. John R. Schmidt, base provost-marshall here, announced this today.

Lieut. Col. Schmidt credited G.I.D. agent Jessie D. Rice with the major role in breaking up a drug smuggling and black market ring which had planned to sell in Japan 890 bottles of penicillin, 175 bottles of sodium sulfadiazine solution, 17 bottles of saccharin, eight cans of saccharin crystals, and three bottles of sulfadiazine.

The penicillin alone would have netted the operators about 100,000,000 yen on the black market.—Associated Press.

Central News gives the ship as "Lok Sang."

Prodigal Sun Returns

London, Feb. 27.
Britain's shivering millions brightened today as temperatures rose and vital coal convoys got moving by rail and sea again although nearly 50 rail lines were still blocked.

On the political front there is still trouble. The National Union of Mineworkers' secretary indicated he is preparing a minimum wage campaign for miners to try and get recruits to increase the coal output.

Britain's Labourite Government is plotting a new drive to get men into the pits to bring up production.

Many died in winter accidents. In London, four-year-old Lillian Elsie Tuckwood danced too close to a gas burner to keep warm and was fatally burned.

A family of three were trapped by a snow avalanche in Wales, but were dug out by rescuers who tunneled 25 feet. Two persons were killed in Birmingham and another 100 evacuated from their homes when a gas main burst in a residential street.

But a Trafalgar Square news vendor voiced the nation's feeling, chalking on his typical British placard: "Welcome return of the prodigal sun."

—United Press.

WHY BAUDOUIN STAYED

Versailles, Feb. 26.
Paul Baudouin, former Foreign Minister under Marshal Philippe Petain, told the High Court today that he remained in the Petain Government to prevent Pierre Laval from declaring war on England.

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Reds Swoop On Changchun

Nanking, Feb. 27.
A quarter million Communist troops swooping across the Sungari River have isolated Changchun except from the south, semi-official Nationalist dispatches reported today.

These dispatches also reported the Reds have captured a number of key railway stations within 20 miles of the Government's most advanced base in Manchuria.

The Central News said Yin-maho, 30 miles northeast of Changchun, Mishan, 20 miles north, and Wuyangshan, 20 miles northwest, have all fallen to the Communists.

Other reports claimed Government officials are evacuating Changchun as the Nationalists rushed in reinforcements.

Semi-official reports said half a million Communists are involved in the drive with "well equipped tanks, armoured cars and artillery." They said the Reds are using the same tactics employed by the Soviets in driving out the Japanese near the end of the war.—United Press.

U.S.-SOVIET CLASH

Seoul, Feb. 27.
Korean sources reported today that American and Russian troops exchanged shots for 14 hours on Tuesday without casualties along their demarcation line.—Associated Press.

Thirteen Dead In Air Crashes

London, Feb. 26.
Three air crashes, in which 13 people are feared to have been killed, were reported in Reuter cables from France, Australia and Brazil today.

An unidentified aircraft, believed to be a Curtiss with five passengers, is reported to have crashed into the sea, exploded and sunk off Cape Ferret, near Bordeaux, this afternoon, leaving only a small notebook floating on the surface.

A woman and another occupant of a small civilian training plane were killed when it crashed in Rio de Janeiro this afternoon.

Earlier today, a Netherlands East Indies Air Force "Dakota," seeking to land at Stradbroke Island, off Brisbane, after a test flight crashed into the sea in flames with the loss of six lives—three Dutch and three Australians.

Smoke was reported to be seen billowing from the aircraft when it began losing height rapidly three miles from the island. The "Dakota" burst into flames and dived into the sea a mile from shore, one wing coming off before she hit water. Small boats went out immediately to attempt rescues.—Reuter.

Forced Landing
Dakar, Feb. 26.
A military plane carrying Achille, Cardinal Lienart, Archbishop of Lille, made a forced landing in the brush last night between Abidjan and Kankan in French Guinea, but nobody was injured.

A bad petrol pump is reported to have caused the pilot to come down. A rescue plane was sent.

The Cardinal was en route to a distant inland point to officiate at a Bishop's consecration.—United Press.

Killed
Frankfurt, Feb. 26.
The U.S. Army announced tonight that Captain Harold N. Burkhardt, of Los Angeles, was killed in the crash of a Mustang near Bamberg.—United Press.

BOMBAY EVACUATION

London, Feb. 26.
The Australian News and Information Bureau in a routine broadcast disclosed today that the passage of 800 to 1,000 Australians due to sail to Britain had been cancelled upon a Ministry of Transport order to save the space for the "urgent evacuation of evacuating 800 women and children from Bombay."—United Press.

One-Wheel Landing At Kai Tak

A Dakota of the Central Air Transport Corporation, with one wheel of its undercarriage out of commission, yesterday afternoon made a faultless landing at Kai Tak airfield, all its seventeen passengers oblivious of the fact that a grim accident had been narrowly averted.

The aircraft, which was doing the routine passenger run from Canton, was piloted by Captain T. S. Wong who, half-way to Hong Kong, heard, above the roar of the engines, a mild report. Investigation disclosed that the tyre of the starboard wheel had burst.

But for the extraordinary skill of the pilot, another air disaster might have occurred.

Meanwhile, a Saigon-bound Dakota aircraft of 48 Squadron engaged on the first leg of the scheduled run to Hong Kong was reported by Singapore Aeronautical Control yesterday afternoon to be overdue in adverse weather, and full-scale search operations were immediately initiated.

No sightings of the missing Dakota had been made up to 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

STATEMENT ON MORATORIUM

London, Feb. 27.
It is not possible to consider the general lifting of the moratorium in Hong Kong, declared the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, in reply to a question in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Creech-Jones added: "I have been in correspondence with the Governments concerned (of Malaya and Hong Kong) about the introduction of such legislation and anticipate that they will shortly be in a position to take action."

The subject of the moratorium was raised by Mr. Walter Fletcher (Cons., Bury) who asked when it was proposed to either raise the moratorium in Malaya and Hong Kong which existed at present regarding debts contracted before enemy occupation of these territories or to enact legislation to deal with any portion of the debts which had been affected by this moratorium and by payments made during enemy occupation of these territories.

Mr. Creech-Jones replied: "Pending the enactment of legislation dealing with the value to be accorded to payments in Japanese occupation currency in respect of debts contracted before occupation, I regret that it is not possible to consider the general lifting of the moratorium."

"The cost of constructing such airports at Singapore and Hong Kong, together with the cost of providing the necessary ancillary facilities, will be a heavy burden in view of the present financial situation of these territories."

R.A.F. Quarters
"I am in consultation with the governors concerned on this matter," he added.

Mr. Jones was replying to Mr. Fletcher, who had asked what steps were being taken to ensure that Singapore and Hong Kong were made adequate for the reception and dispatch of civil aircraft, both land and sea planes of the largest and most modern type, and how soon these steps would be taken. (Continued on Page 8, Col. 6)

C-IN-C IN KURE
Kure, Feb. 27.
Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, arrived here from Hong Kong today aboard H.M.S. Belfast on a tour of the fleet's Far Eastern bases.—United Press.

THE WEATHER
A moderate anticyclone, centered over the Ryukyu and over Iloilo, will probably move ENE. Pressure is low to the N and E of Japan and over the equatorial regions eastward from Burma.

Today's Forecast—Moderate easterly or variable winds; showers moderate or fresh NE offshore; cloudy with morning haze and fog, becoming partly cloudy during the day. Mild.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 82.7 deg. Feh. Minimum: 54.2 deg. Feh. Rainfall: 0.5 inch. Total since Jan. 1—70.1 mm. as station. An average of 75.6 mm. Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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Police Recruit Jailed

Chow Fuk-ting, a 26-year-old recruit under training in the Police Training School, Kowloon, was sentenced to one month in prison for the offence of being drunk and disorderly on Feb. 15, one of those cold days when everyone was more than glad to have an average. Perhaps the greatest fault found to Chow did not lie in his behaviour, but in the fact that he did not like the style or colour. Or, perhaps, he needed the money. Anyway, he betook himself and the recruit to 640 Shanghai Street, the following day and hooked the garment.

A week later, the urge to obtain additional money again overcame him. But he had no overcoat at home. So he helped himself to one belonging to a fellow-trainee and, the next day, went to 11, Tai Yuen Street, and sold it to a second-hand clothing dealer named Li Ming.

The upshot was the appearance of Chow, Li Ming, and Li Loi before Mr. Justice at Kowloon yesterday.

The ex-Police recruit was sentenced to three months' hard labour on each of the counts of stealing the overcoat, the suit

WITNESSES TESTIFY AGAINST "SLAP HAPPY"

ARRIVAL OF THE "RANCHI"

The P. & O. liner "Ranchi" is expected to tie up at one of the wharves of the H.K. & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

For the convenience of passengers proceeding to the Island, Messrs. Mackenzie, Mackenzie & Co. will provide luncheon operating directly from the wharf where the "Ranchi" is berthed to Queen's Pier.

Further evidence was adduced by the Crown before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the course of the committal proceedings against Inouye Kanoo, better known as "Slap Happy" who is charged with 30 Overt Acts of High Treason.

In the absence of Mr. A. Lonsdale, the case for the Crown was conducted by Superintendent O'Donovan.

Miss S. M. T. Sequiera said that she was arrested at the Gloucester Hotel together with her father,

mother and other members of the family on June 5, 1944.

Mrs. Joyce M. Yip testified that she was arrested on June 5, 1944, at the Gloucester Hotel, with the Sequiera family. The late Mr. P. P. Sequiera was one of the party. All were taken to Stanley Prison the next morning. Mrs. Yip said that while at Stanley, she was interrogated by a Japanese named Hirakawa. Accused was present as interpreter. She was questioned about the spy activities of Mr. Sequiera. Accused occasionally asked questions of his own accord. She was released after two months.

Film Review

In the complex terminology of film advertisements, the Cecil B. DeMille spectacle, "Reap the Wild Wind" comes under the heading of "Technical" Attraction—and in that phrase this picture is well summed up. If you go expecting to see a serious classic of the cinema you will be disappointed. If, on the other hand, your fancy is for a glossy magazine story which, though improbable, is colourful, then you will be more than satisfied. "Reap the Wild Wind" is taken from a Saturday Evening Post story and retains pretty much of the attraction of the original.

This is a period picture—it concerns the wrecking "trade" carried on at Key West where the reefs of the Florida coast wrecked many ships and provided rich salvage spoils. The period is the middle of the last century, something which gives DeMille plenty of scope with "atmosphere." Much of the plot is simple melodrama, yet is quite interesting (and sometimes amusing) as that. Perhaps most charming of all is a glimpse at the over-dressed "society" of Charleston of the time with the men in cutaway jackets and tight breeches and the fluttering dams in their flounces and their petticoats. The exact date of the picture is left vague but there is a general flavour of "Gone With The Wind" about it all.

Paulette Goddard reminds one of an American version of Vivien Leigh in her part as the "tomboyish" daughter of an honest salvage family. She is cute, capricious and enters wholly into the spirit of thing (as must the cinemagoer if he or she is to enjoy it). Raymond Massey is as giant and powerful as ever as the out-and-out villain of the piece—a twisted lawyer who engineers deliberate wrecks from which he reaps a rich harvest. Massey is seen too seldom on the screen these days and it is indeed a delight to be reminded of his brilliance. He succeeds in making something out of a well-known hopeless part.

With John Wayne it is a different story. He provides the original "luc" interest but is ultimately supplanted by Ray Milland who turns in a magnificent performance. Milland has a complexity for what may only be described as mischievous "facial wit."

Taken all in all "Reap the Wild Wind" is good entertainment with colour, life, a good story—and a fair quota of the expected DeMille spectacles (perhaps the best is the killing of a giant squid in the hold of a sunken ship). If you like this sort of thing, you'll like "Reap the Wild Wind" a lot. If you don't like it you won't have read this far anyway.

Jumped On Stomach

Mr. A. E. P. Guest said that he was arrested on June 20, 1944, and taken to 69 Kimberley Road. There he saw accused, who asked him if he knew a Mr. Sequiera. As the answer which he gave was not satisfactory, Mr. Guest said that he was slapped by accused and almost knocked off his balance.

He was then taken into the bathroom, which was on the ground floor, laid alongside an English bath and given the water torture. When his stomach began to swell, accused jumped on it. While this torture was going on, accused continued to ask questions.

Threat To Family

Mr. Guest said that he was later taken downstairs and when he came to, he saw accused squatting by his side. Accused alleged that he was a British spy. When he denied this, accused said that he was getting ready to be smuggled out of Hong Kong and enquired sarcastically how he would like to be on a ship sailing for "Merrie England?" Accused said that he was Mr. Guest, told the truth, his whole family would be arrested. Mr. Guest said that he told accused he could do that.

Other witnesses called by the prosecution were A. Madar, P. C. Whitfield, M. Y. Khan, M. Ahsan, W. Lawrence, Lai Chuk Po, Shum Ching Kuen, D. S. Das, Chan Wai Mai, William Chang, F. A. Sequiera and R. Sequiera.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING & ENGINEERING OFFICERS' GUILD, HONG KONG.

As from March 1st 1947, Mr. George T. Lloyd will act and sign as General Secretary of the above mentioned Organisation.

By Order,
J. WATSON,
General Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1947.

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E. HIMSWORTH, Superintendent of Imports & Exports.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1947.

NOTICE Unclaimed Wreck

The Water Boat "Hung Lee No. 1", Hong Kong Licence No. 1255V, last registered owner Wong Hung, Hong Kong, but which may have changed hands, has been salvaged.

Should the rightful owner not claim this vessel before the 14th March, 1947, it will be sold to defray the cost of salvage.

J. JOLLY, Harbour Master.
Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all claims against the estate of A. S. Anderson, late Sub-Inspector, Hong Kong Police, should be submitted to the undersigned, the Administrator of the said estate not later than 8th March, 1947.

(sd) D. W. MACINTOSH, Commissioner of Police, Administrator.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1947.

INNOSHIMA P.O.W. CAMP Echoes of Sham Shui Po

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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that by a deed poll dated the 26th day of February, 1947, I, Charles George Gray of No. 1, Shan Kwong Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, a natural-born British Subject, renounced and abandoned the surname of Scicluna.

DATED the 25th day of February 1947.

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NOTICE

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The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

I. B. TREVOR, Chairman,
Railway Tender Board.
Kowloon, 27th February, 1947.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of George Willoughby late of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Chemist, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 24th day of March, 1947.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby requested to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 27th day of February, 1947.

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the abovesaid deceased.

No. 2 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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IN THE GOODS of Joseph Edgar Joseph late of Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 15th day of March, 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby requested to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 11th day of February, 1947.

DEACONS, Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the abovesaid deceased.

No. 11, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the twenty eighth ordinary general meeting of The Bank of East Asia Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 10 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 22nd day of March, 1947 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes following, namely, to receive and consider the annual statement of account and balance sheet, and the reports of the directors and auditors thereon; to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to sanction the declaration of a dividend and to transact the other ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 15th day of March to Friday, the 28th day of March, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the same place, and on the same day, at 2.45 o'clock in the afternoon, or soon afterwards, as the ordinary general meeting shall have concluded, an extraordinary general meeting of the Company will be held, when the proposed resolutions will be proposed as special resolutions:

1. That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$2,799,300.00 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a bonus of Fifty Dollars per share on the 55,986 issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared, and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution of 27,993 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up amongst the persons who, on the 15th day of March, 1947, were registered as holders of the 55,986 shares of the Company, at the rate of one share for every two shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus, as aforesaid; that in the case of odd share, the holder of such odd share shall be given the option of having one share allotted to him credited as fully paid up upon payment of the sum of \$50.00 by such holder to the Company in respect of such odd share; that should such option be not exercised, the Directors be empowered to dispose of such share as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company; and that such shares shall rank in dividend pari passu with the existing shares.

2. That the remaining unissued shares of the Company be issued, and that the same be offered in the first instance at par to the members of the Company in proportion, as nearly as possible, of one share for every five complete shares (such shares to include the bonus shares to be issued to them pursuant to Special Resolution No. 1 hereof) held by them respectively, and upon the footing that the full amount of each share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined; and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company; and that such shares shall rank in dividend pari passu with the existing shares.

3. That the authorised capital of the Company be increased to \$50,000,000.00 by the creation of 400,000 shares of \$100.00 each.

4. That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting, and for the purpose of identification, submitted by the Chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1947.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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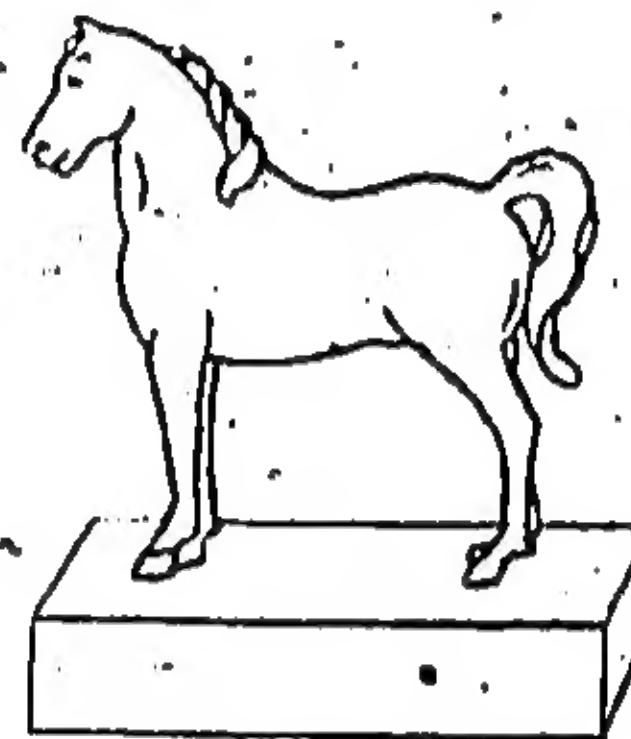
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DEATH

RUMJAHN.—Usuf Rumjahn, aged 82, at 4, Seymour Road, yesterday morning at 11.15. Funeral at the Muslim Cemetery, Happy Valley, today at 6.15 p.m. No flowers by request. (Liverpool, Shanghai & Tientsin papers please copy).

ARMS AND THE MEN

The year's "Statement Relating to Defence," presented to Parliament by Mr. Alexander, the new Minister for Defence, is in some respects a more sombre document than the similar White Paper presented last February by Mr. Attlee. At that time it was hoped that the three Services together would include only 1,100,000 trained men, plus 100,000 under training, at the end of 1946. It is now shown that the actual figure was 1,127,000 men and women. Even with this larger figure risks have been taken, as the new White Paper stresses, in releasing trained personnel into civil life and industry.

Voluntary recruiting for the Regular Services has not been satisfactory, and the reconstitution of the auxiliary Forces is only just beginning. Thus it cannot be felt that the number of men retained in the Forces under National Service is excessive, and the Government estimate that at the end of March next year we shall still require 1,087,000 men and women. In addition, not far short of half a million civilians are engaged in supply services of one kind or another. At a moment when the whole country is involved in a crisis due, among other cause, to an insufficiency of manpower in one great industry, it is easy to wish that the demands of defence were less, but it would be folly to mistake wishes for possibilities.

What our defence commitments are can be briefly summarised from the outline given in the White Paper under two heads, current and long-term. Of the current commitments Germany is outstanding, and it is doubtful whether our forces there can be further reduced. A Peace Treaty with Austria may enable us to withdraw from there, and evacuation of Venezia Giulia and Greece may shortly be possible. What forces Palestine may require in the next few months it would be rash to guess, and the requirements in India and Burma remain an equally intractable problem. From Japan we have partly withdrawn and in the Netherlands East Indies our task is completed. The remaining immediate tasks of our forces—the preservation of our communications in the Near and Far East and the garrisons of vulnerable colonies—fall into the two main long-term commitments of the security of the United Kingdom and the safeguarding of our links with other parts of the Commonwealth.

Our third long-term commitment—the contribution to forces of the United Nations—is still an unknown quantity. So severe is the strain in which these commitments involve us that irresponsible voices are never lacking to suggest that we should abandon any attempt to maintain them. Such a policy of jettisoning our defence responsibility is always superficially attractive to a peace-loving people. But as Mr. Alexander's White Paper indicates, we have had the experience of two major wars in one generation to point to the tragic futility of such a policy.

ALL D.P.s. LIABLE FOR WORK

London, Feb. 26. Mr. John Hynd, Head of the Department for the German and Austrian Control Commission Affairs, stated in the House of Commons today that all employable displaced persons in the British Zone of Germany were liable for employment under German law. He was replying to a question as to whether the Government would guarantee that no displaced person would be required to work against his will, under German law. Any displaced person who felt aggrieved by a direction to work would have the right to appeal, Mr. Hynd added.

HONG KONG'S FIRST "FREE" REFORMATORY

In three former food godowns in the hills above Tytan Bay an experiment is in progress. It is Hong Kong's first "free" reformatory, a "free" reformatory, as described by C.H. Norman, acting superintendent of prisons, as a correction camp where regimentation is held to a minimum and the boys are allowed as much freedom as possible. It is a place without barred wire or posted guards.

When Reformatory Officers H.R. Tappenden and C.C. Crofton opened the camp on December 16, it was what Mr. Tappenden called "nothing but a jungle." The godowns were rundown. Weeds and jungle growth cluttered the hills around the buildings.

Today—just two months later—the three structures have been cleaned up and converted into administration offices, school rooms, work shops, dormitories and eating quarters. Undergrowth has been removed from the grounds. A driveway has been smoothed. Growth has been cleared in the valley below to permit an exercise ground—and, eventually, a football field.

Just A Beginning
This is just a beginning, according to Mr. Tappenden, a former officer at the reformatory at Causeway Bay.

Mr. Tappenden envisions a camp wherein delinquent boys from the streets of Hong Kong, Kowloon and as far away as Waichow can learn citizenship, trades, and most important, self-respect. He feels this can best be accomplished by treating them not as criminals, but as potentially constructive citizens.

There are at present in the camp, 91 boys, ranging from 9 to 16 years of age. All are serving terms of up to two years for minor misdemeanours such as petty larceny, pick-pocketing, etc.

The camp is a self-sufficient organization. The boys, under the direction of reformatory officers and instructors, do their

By BARBARA PRICE

own cooking, tailoring and mending, wood chopping and clean-up work. They did the initial clearing of the land around the camp and overhauling of the buildings.

Two Sections

The first building one enters at the reformatory is divided into two main sections: the dining hall and kitchen on one side, and the administration office, infirmary and tailor shop on the other.

The infirmary contains five beds and an appreciable stock of medicines. It is visited daily by a nurse, twice weekly by a physician. One of the boys acts as "hospital orderly" and is charged with keeping the sick room clean and the patients comfortable.

Sitting at a pedal-driven Singer Sewing machine, the camp "tailor" proudly holds up his latest creation—an apron for the carpentry shop.

Building Two is the dormitory. Arranged in three sections so that the youngest, intermediate and older boys can be housed in separate compartments, the sleeping quarters are immaculate and the beds com-

fortable. Each boy is provided with two warm blankets. In the shop building is a schoolroom, complete with regular desks and blackboards; the rattan shop; and a carpentry shop. The activities in the latter, Mr. Tappenden explained, have been confined to wood-chopping and other rough work pending the arrival of a carpentry instructor.

Rattan Shop

The rattan shop is one of the most popular spots in the camp. In it, chairs, settees, baskets and brooms stand in all stages of construction. The framework is built by the instructor but all weaving is done by the boys themselves. Proceeds from finished products sold will go toward purchasing equipment and materials, Mr. Tappenden said.

Latest piece of shop equipment to have arrived at the camp is a new forge which will help to train future blacksmiths. A photographic studio, to teach the boys the fundamentals of taking, developing and printing pictures is soon to be set up.

School, which for most of the boys is a new experience, is an important—and time-consuming—phase of the reformatory's rehabilitation programme. Classes are held in all-day sessions three days a week with three-hour sessions three other days.

Lessons are not confined to reading, "ritin" and "ritimatic" as the following schedule shows. In addition to the "Three R's" (Citizenship, history, geography, letter writing, hygiene, general cleaning, general knowledge and essay writing are taught.

Mr. Tappenden said considerable time is devoted to the study of Chinese history and geography.

After Care

A great concern to the officials now, Mr. Norman informed me, is organization of an "after care" programme where the boys can be assisted in getting jobs, clothes and in some cases homes, following discharge from the reformatory. In England, this job must be done primarily by volunteer groups or individuals.

"It is a great help to the operation of interested people here," the prison superintendent said. "We can form an organization which will really help these young fellows find a useful place for themselves."

Marlborough Clubs Likely To Go On

Herford, Germany, Feb. 26. The British Army's Marlborough Clubs, which slashed through the tradition that an unbridged social gulf separates officers from the ranks, have a good chance to be continued despite recent reports that they might be abandoned.

They're Dictionary Words Now

A drove of new words that aren't featured in the Oxford dictionary have appeared in 1946 editions of Webster and in a brand new English dictionary, Ogdham's.

Webster has popped in words like jitterbug, jukebox, dirndl, zoot-suit, strip-tease, chesecake and moppet.

The new English dictionary is a bit more cautious, but lists: Coney: (US slang) old-fashioned.

Blim: To subject to sudden and violent attack.
Gen: (RAF slang) reliable information.

Doodle: To scribble aimlessly and absent-mindedly.

Jitterbug: One who dances to jazz music with spasmodic energy. An alarmist.

Gremlin: Imp or goblin alleged responsible for mysterious aeroplane faults (from goblin and German, a brewer in whose bottles the imps were supposed to hide).

Commentators: One who comments.

Sucker: (US) gullible person.

Penicillin: Germ-killing substance derived from bacterium mould.

Ogdham doesn't list atom-bomb, zoot-suit, strip-tease, soap-opera, juke-box, slap-happy, wolf, live, nation, hep, ear or spine-bash. Nips, on the beam, set-up, type (person), weed (tobacco), blue (night).

Britons don't seem to want to know what the score is, what the drill is, to give anyone away. They don't shoot through, drink slops, tear strips off of, fending parties.

Officially, the future of these clubs where a colonel and a private can have a friendly chat over a glass of beer or wine is "under consideration."

Responsible Army sources declare, however, that they expect the clubs, or at least counterparts of them, to go on as before.

The British have four such clubs in Germany—at Berlin, Hamburg, Badoeyhausen and Herford. Another, in Brussels, was closed, but that was attributed to the reduction in troops stationed there.

The clubs were born of the war, chiefly to provide a meeting place for brothers, or fathers and sons, of widely differing rank.

With the rush to arms, relatives and friends of equal social status at home often found themselves at opposite ends of the scale when in uniform.

Regulations which forbade an officer to entertain a non-officer in his mess or club, worked a hardship when old schoolmates or members of families of differing rank, chanced to be on duty or on leave in the same area.

The Answer
The Marlborough Club, bearing the name of the house from which Winston Churchill descended, was the answer.

Each club is essentially the same as an officers' club insofar as services and facilities are concerned, with the exception that no spirits are served.

One fundamental rule governs the clubs: an officer can enter only with a non-officer, and a non-officer can enter only with an officer.

Scope of the clubs gradually increased so that not only relatives or old friends used them as meeting places, but so did officers and non-officers who had not known one another before. There is no distinction as to sex.

Consequently, an army captain friendly with a sergeant in the ATS (British WAC), and prohibited from inviting her to an officers' club, can spend a pleasant evening with her at one of the Marlborough spots.

In Hamburg, the Marlborough club tried to limit entry only to officers and non-officers of opposite sexes—largely because the club was large enough to accommodate all who wished to gather there.

This did not set well with the troops. They said that, in effect, it simply became a club for officers to entertain lower ranks of the feminine personnel. They argued that there were plenty of ATS girls for the officers to choose from, but few women officers for soldiers to entertain. As a result, the club was abandoned.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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HOW CAN YOU TELL HIM?

If you see the declarer playing as if to threaten a throw-in play against your partner, you naturally want to protect him if you can. You want to have him from winning the trick which will compel him next to lead back into a tenace held by the declarer or dummy. Sometimes you can't do it, because you have no card high enough to win the crucial trick if your partner discards his highest. But if you do have the next ranking card, you can tell your partner to chuck his big one. How? By merely giving a high-lard signal, or better still, a high-low, or earlier tricks.

S. A Q 7 5
H. 8 5 4 2
D. 9 7
C. K 4 3
S. J 8 4
H. 7 6
D. Q 10 5
C. J 9 8 2
S. K 10 5 2
H. A 10
D. A 6 3 2
C. 7 5
S. 9 9
H. K Q J 9 3
D. K 8 4
C. A 10 6
(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 H Pass 1 S Pass
1 NT Pass 2 H Pass
3 H Pass 4 H
Bad bad bidding, considering that the declarer was playing as if to threaten a throw-in play against your partner, you naturally want to protect him if you can. You want to have him from winning the trick which will compel him next to lead back into a tenace held by the declarer or dummy. Sometimes you can't do it, because you have no card high enough to win the crucial trick if your partner discards his highest. But if you do have the next ranking card, you can tell your partner to chuck his big one. How? By merely giving a high-lard signal, or better still, a high-low, or earlier tricks.

to lead. This time, however, it made no difference, as the diamond Q was a natural in any case.
East took that first trick with the A and returned the 2 to the K. South ruffed the diamond 8 with the heart 2, then led the heart 4 to the A. The heart 10 was won by the J and the declarer continued on his plan for a throw-in if East had the club Q. He could take the club K and A, then lead the 10 to the Q. East now would have to return a diamond, which could be ruffed in the dummy while South discarded a spade.
But when the club A and K were played, West was on his toes. Seeing what was up he put the 9 on the first club trick and was ready to play the 2 to the next. But the 9 was enough of a signal for East, who threw his Q on the next trick. So West's J won the third club. He then led back a spade, through the tenace, and assured defeat of the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A 10 9
H. 7 5 3 2
D. 9 8
C. A Q 10 7
S. 7 4 3 2
H. J 9
D. A K 10 4
C. K J 9
S. K 8 6
H. A K Q
D. Q 8 5 2
C. 8 6 4 3
(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)
How should South seek maximum returns after West leads the diamond A? A side's leading the contract including what not

ARRIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Would a small deposit hold this for me until the fire sale starts?"

The New Battle Of Britain

The new Battle of Britain—this time economic—received fresh impetus on Monday when 1,000,000 workers streamed back into factories in England's midlands.

This broke the countrywide industrial blackout which had lasted a fortnight because of

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

strikes in coal production, life blood of the nation.
Some 4,000,000 workers remained idle in other parts of England, but coal was moving in appreciable quantities again. Last week Britain's Socialist Government appealed to the already austerily-weary country for further sacrifices in an all-out effort to meet an economic crisis threatening the foundations of the nation's way of life. It was an economic call to arms.

Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard said the present Government "offers the British people toil, tears, sweat;

"LAY ON, MACDUFF"
London, Feb. 26. "Lay on, MacDuff," said Macbeth in the famous battle of Shrewsbury drama. MacDuff laid on too resolutely at Oldham Registry Theatre on January 30 and today Harold Norman, who portrayed Macbeth, died from dagger wounds at Oldham Royal Hospital. — United Press.

blood alone they are spared in these piping days of peace."

Blunt But Accurate
That was blunt, but an accurate way of summing up a situation without precedent in modern English history. Britain is fighting for her life. Government's appeal declared that the "central fact of 1947 is we have not enough resources to do all that we want to do and hardly enough to do all that we must do."

Therefore, it added, Britain must attend to "first things first"—strictly control imports, get production into high gear and sharply increase exports before the fast dwindling American dollar loan runs out. It declared that unless the country concentrates on really important things, "we may never restore the foundations of our national life."

This is a grim situation, but I believe economists will find it is not as mushroom growth. It has been developing over a long period. This crisis has been precipitated by the war but had its inception way back before even the first world conflict.
Britain's position, as I see it, is due to the fact that it is not a self-sustaining nation. It achieves economic might largely by the simple expedient of importing raw materials, fabricating them and re-exporting them at a tidy profit. In English ships. This was accompanied by the creation of a great banking and insurance business and the favourable geographical location of the British Isles was of vast assistance.

A Major Change?
However, times have changed greatly since the turn of the century. Up to then England's steel, cotton and woolen products pretty much covered the world. Even America—now the greatest producer of steel—bought from Britain. But then the United States came forward with a rush, industrially. So did other nations. The first world war, by occupying Britain's industrial resources, forced other countries to expand their manufactures. Development continued. Even mighty India, which had provided England with an unlimited market for cotton goods, began to manufacture her own and today is no longer dependent on the mother country. So, I believe, we will find Britain's present crisis is a logical development which has its roots in the fact that the country is so lacking in natural resources. A subsidiary of this would seem to be that Britain is faced with the problem of readjusting her entire economic structure to a nation's way of life. We are witnessing a major transformation. — Associated Press.



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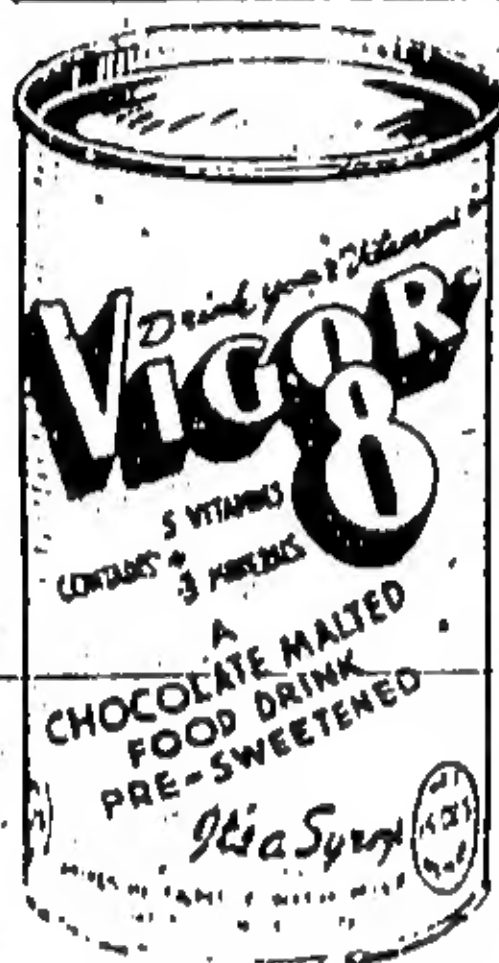
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LOUD CRITICISMS OF BEVIN Flat Denials By Jewish Leaders; "Complete Lack Of Understanding," Say Spokesmen

MINERS PROTEST

Sydney, Feb. 26.
Some 2,000 miners from the
Australian south coast, went
to Sydney to stage a protest
march. The demonstration was
intended to emphasize the
miners' demands for better
working conditions and for
greater compensation to min-
ers incapacitated by dust.
They staged a noisy
demonstration which was
broken up by the police. The
men then went to a park and
after a noisy meeting, decid-
ed that all south coast miners
should stop immediately and
meetings should be held
throughout Australia to press
for a general strike. —Reuter.

Suez Canal Evacuation

London, Feb. 26.
Commander Marsden (Conser-
vative), asked Mr. A. V. Alexan-
der, Minister of Defence, in the
House of Commons today if the
military evacuation of Egypt,
from the Suez Canal area,
had now been completed.
Mr. Alexander replied: "No,
Sir. We are preparing to com-
plete the military evacuation of
the Delta area by March 31."
In reply to the suggestion that
Britain was taking a long time
about it, he said that in view of
the amount of staff that had to
be moved and arrangements for
accommodation, Britain was not
doing too badly.
In reply to a question on
whether the defence of the Suez
Canal is now the sole respon-
sibility of the British Empire, Mr.
Alexander said that under the
Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936
Britain cooperates with Egypt
for the defence of the Canal.
The written word of the
Treaty still stands," he added.
—Reuter.

Jews "Still Not Anti-British"

London, Feb. 26.
Asked if the Jewish Agency would discourage im-
migration of Jews in Palestine if the UNO de-
cided upon a state with an Arab majority, **Doctor Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency leader, declared in London today: "We should never do that. This is more than a temporary political problem."**
Commenting on Mr. Bevin's statement in the
House of Commons yesterday, he flatly denied
that British negotiations with the Jews were
spoiled by President Truman's demand last
October for immediate immigration of 100,000
Jews to Palestine.

"I was present at all the talk-
ing with Mr. Bevin both on and off
the record," he said, "and I know
I am not my colleagues know what
can be the basis of his state-
ment."

Doctor Goldmann said the
Jews did not challenge Britain's
decision to hand over the Pale-
stine question to the United
Nations, but they wanted Britain
to do so with a clean hand. That
was to say, in the meantime they
demanded that Britain should
carry out the mandate and re-
newance the White Paper of 1939.

The Jews were still not anti-
British, Doctor Goldmann de-
clared, and they recognized Britain
had interests in the Middle East.
That the Russians were sup-
porting the Arabs was the im-
pression which the Arabs them-
selves were trying to create," he
said; he added that he himself
had never found any confirma-
tion of this.

Dr. Goldmann expressed amazement at Mr. Bevin's "sudden dis-
covery that the Jewish people are
a religion." This shows lack of
understanding of the problem
and makes the whole mandate ap-
pear nonsense," he added. The
mandate spoke of a national home
for the Jewish people, not of a
religious home. "We are very
reluctant to end a great chap-
ter in Jewish history—our co-
operation with Britain in building
that national home," he conclud-
ed. —Reuter.

"Baffled"

Washington, Feb. 26.
The Chief of the Political De-
partment of the Jewish Agency,
Dr. Moshe Shertok, commenting
on Mr. Bevin's statement that the
United States had hampered a
solution on Palestine, said today
that President Truman could not
have upset the negotiations be-
cause there was no prospect of
agreed solution at the time.
Dr. Shertok said that he was
baffled and bewildered by Mr.
Bevin's statement as at the time
of President Truman's public de-
mand for entry of 100,000 Jews
into Palestine the first stages of
the talks between Britain and the
Jewish Agency had ended without
reaching agreement, and the in-
formal talks at that time centred
on whether the British Govern-
ment was serious to dis-
cuss the reconstitution of a na-
tional home in Palestine.

No conclusions had been reached
at the time of the President's
statement, he added. Whether
the position could be described as
"a matter of speculation" was a
"matter of speculation."
Dr. David Petegorsky, Execu-
tive Director of the American
Jewish Congress, said that Mr.
Bevin's speech was an "abject
confession of failure" and called
upon the Foreign Secretary to
resign. —Reuter.

"Inadequate"

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.
A Jewish Agency spokesman
here today denounced Mr. Bevin's
speech as showing "complete lack
of understanding of the funda-
mental principles of Zionism."
Mr. Bevin, he added, had
shown no comprehension of the
fundamentals of which the Bal-
four Declaration was comprised.
"There is no discussion, no de-
bate, no controversy about the
ability of Palestine to absorb im-
migrants," the spokesman de-
clared. "We maintain that the rate
of 18,000 a year in relation to the
needs of Jews in 1945, 1946
and 1947 is pitifully inadequate."

Reports of Mr. Bevin's speech
made banner headlines in the
Palestine press. The Right Wing
Hebrew daily "Haborer" branded
it as "anti-Semitic" and as show-
ing that Britain had no intention
of abandoning Palestine and
handing over the mandate to the
United Nations.

The Christian Arab paper
"Falastin" featured the headline
"Bevin discloses secret of Ameri-
can Zionist Conspiracy to Devour
Palestine."
"There was no secret as a solution
to the Palestine problem," Falastin
said, adding: "Either a solution
now for Palestine or a new world
war." —Reuter.

"Difficult To Believe"
Manchester, Feb. 26.
The "Manchester Guardian"
said today that "without Zionism
the Jewish national home would
have no meaning" and found it
"difficult to believe that Mr. Bevin
could have said the Palestine
matter is only a British Truman
policy." —Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.
The White House today
denied that President Tru-
man's October 4th statement
urging the admission of 100-
000 Jews to Palestine was
motivated by politics, as
charged yesterday by Mr.
Bevin, in the House of Com-
mons.
The White House said the
statement was based on the
President's desire to reach a
just solution on the Pale-
stine problem and reaffirmed
the United States Govern-
ment position which had been
fully laid down before the
statement was issued. —
United Press.

able mandate and can no longer
accept sole responsibility."
United Press.
More Violence?
Jerusalem, Feb. 26.
British sources said today that
resumption of underground vi-
olence was the inevitable outcome
of Mr. Bevin's statement on
Palestine yesterday.
Lt.-Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham,
High Commissioner for Palestine,
reportedly urged the Cabinet in
London to grant immigration con-
cessions in the interim period be-
fore the Palestine issue went
to the United Nations.
It is believed, however, that
this request will be rejected be-
cause of British commitments
made to the Arab delegations in
London. —United Press.

Loud Cheers For Mr. Harry Pollitt

London, Feb. 26.
Loud cheers greeted the General Secretary of the
British Communist Party, Harry Pollitt, when
he opened the six-day conference of the Em-
pire Communist parties in London today. In
his opening address he drew attention to the
"ever increasing dangers" arising from British
and American "imperialism."
More than 250 delegates, re-
presenting eleven countries, at-
tended the opening. Also pre-
sent were observers from coun-
tries outside the British Em-
pire, including the United
States, Belgium, Holland, Syria
and the Lebanon.
The aims of the conference,
as outlined by Mr. R. Dutt, the
Vice-Chairman of the British
Communist Party, are:

1. To proclaim to the world
the aims, needs and demands
of the peoples of the Empire.
2. To strengthen the united
fight of the working class for
peace and democracy.
3. To discuss the current
problems arising out of the
present political situation in
leading countries and the re-
gions of the Empire.
4. To promote closer under-
standing between the working
class movements of the Em-
pire.

Draped about the hall were
banners calling for "freedom
for all colonial peoples," "pro-
duction and peace," "Social-
ism" and for "better living."
After Harry Pollitt's open-
ing address, Mr. Jack Henry,
speaking on behalf of Aus-
tralia, was loudly applauded
when he announced that the
Australian Labour movement
recently had put a ban on all
exports to Franco Spain. —Reuter.

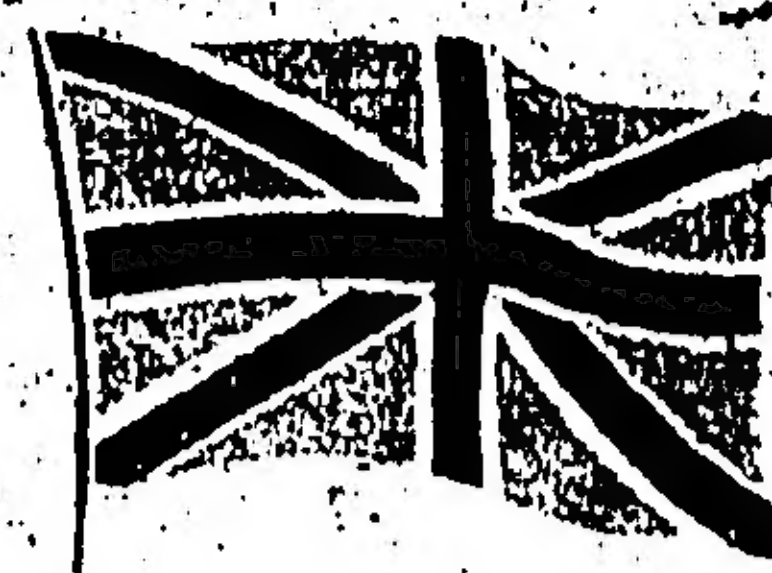
Posters prominently display-
ed throughout the country ap-
pealed to members of the un-
derground resistance movement
to surrender with their arms,
printing presses and radio
equipment.
The amnesty law specifies
that Poles abroad wishing to
take advantage of its provisions
must "surrender" to the nearest
Polish Embassy or consulate,
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limit laid down by the Embassy
and report to the security au-
thorities within one month of
returning to Poland. —Reuter.

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London Stock Exchange

The stock market finished the first day of the new account in a firm manner with rises fairly well spread. Popular industries, including hardware, stores, iron and steel and shipping all improved. British Government stocks also participated in the movement with gains varying between 1/4 and 1/2, while among foreigners, Brazilian provided the best section.

Active conditions prevailed throughout in South American calls where prices generally closed at the best levels of the day with raw rubber rising 1/2 points. The firm opening of South African gold shares suited back near the close but copper was well supported throughout. Oil finished firmly but rubbers displayed fragility.

Consols, 2 1/2, 104 1/2, 97, Conversion Loan, 3 1/2, 112 1/2, War Loan, 5 1/2, 107 1/2, New War Loan, 5 1/2, 108 1/2, Victory Bonds, 10, 121 1/2, Savings Bonds, 2 1/2, 102 1/2, 107 1/2, Railway Bonds, 3 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, Stocks Bonds, 3 1/2, 106 1/2, 108 1/2, 110, German Loan, 5 1/2, 106 1/2, 108 1/2, Japanese Bonds, 5 1/2, 106 1/2, 108 1/2, 110, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 1/2, 130 1/2, 131 1/2, 132 1/2, 133 1/2, 134 1/2, 135 1/2, 136 1/2, 137 1/2, 138 1/2, 139 1/2, 140 1/2, 141 1/2, 142 1/2, 143 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 146 1/2, 147 1/2, 148 1/2, 149 1/2, 150 1/2, 151 1/2, 152 1/2, 153 1/2, 154 1/2, 155 1/2, 156 1/2, 157 1/2, 158 1/2, 159 1/2, 160 1/2, 161 1/2, 162 1/2, 163 1/2, 164 1/2, 165 1/2, 166 1/2, 167 1/2, 168 1/2, 169 1/2, 170 1/2, 171 1/2, 172 1/2, 173 1/2, 174 1/2, 175 1/2, 176 1/2, 177 1/2, 178 1/2, 179 1/2, 180 1/2, 181 1/2, 182 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